

## City of Grover Beach

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SUBJECT: DISTRIBUTION OF OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) IN-LIEU FEES

Thank you for your letter dated January 18, 2012 regarding your recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on the distribution of Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) In-Lieu Fees the County receives.

According to the information contained in your letter, the County receives approximately \$170,000 annually. This amount is based on a State-determined formula of off highway vehicle use in the County. The use of these funds is fairly restrictive and must be related to off highway vehicle use. In your letter, you propose that 50% of the funds received be retained by the County and the remainder be distributed to other governmental organizations and non-profit organizations that are involved with, or have a direct connection to, off highway vehicle use. In the material you provided, I also noted that you intend to have the County Parks and Recreation Commission serve as a reviewing body for the distribution of these funds.

Based on the fact that communities in the South County are host to the State's Off Highway Vehicle Park and are impacted by more than 2,000,000 visitors to the park annually, I would suggest a different allocation process be utilized. I recommend that the South County area be designated to receive the majority of the non-retained funds and that these funds be allocated on a bi-annual basis. Distributing the funds every two years will ensure the accumulated funds are sufficient to have an impact. I would also suggest that a subcommittee, consisting of elected representatives or their designees from South County jurisdictions, be used as the reviewing body to select a project or projects located in the South County that meet the requirements of the law. In this manner, the Board of Supervisors could be assured that the funds will be going to assist the communities that are more directly affected by off highway vehicle use.

Please feel free to contact me in the event you have any questions regarding my letter or recommendations.

Sincerely

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City Manager

(w/ enclosure - County of San Luis Obispo correspondence, dated January 18, 2012) Grover Beach City Council

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